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H. R. 2568

To require adoption of a management plan for the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area that allows appropriate use of motorized and non-motorized river craft in the recreation area, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 1, 1995

Mr. COOLEY (for himself, Mrs. CHENOWETH, and Mr. NETHERCUTT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA.**

4 Section 10 of the Act entitled “An Act to establish
5 the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area in the States
6 of Oregon and Idaho, and for other purposes”, approved
7 December 31, 1975 (16 U.S.C. 460gg-7), is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before
2 “The Secretary”;

3 (2) by striking “(a) standards” and inserting
4 “(1) standards”;

5 (3) by striking “(b) standards” and inserting
6 “(2) standards”;

7 (4) by striking “(c) provision” and inserting
8 “(3) provision”;

9 (5) by striking paragraph (d) and inserting the
10 following:

11 “(4) subject to subsection (b), provision for
12 control of the use and number of motorized and non-
13 motorized river craft as necessary, but only to the
14 extent necessary to ensure that said uses are com-
15 patible with this Act; and”;

16 (6) by striking “(e) standards” and inserting
17 “(5) standards”; and

18 (7) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(b) USE OF MOTORIZED AND NONMOTORIZED
20 RIVER CRAFT.—For the purposes of subsection (a)(4)—

21 “(1) the use of motorized and nonmotorized
22 river craft is recognized as a valid and appropriate
23 use of the Snake River within the recreation area;

24 “(2) motorized and nonmotorized river craft
25 shall be permitted access to, and use of, the entire

1 river within the recreation area at all times during
2 the year;

3 “(3) concurrent use of the river within the
4 recreation area by motorized and nonmotorized river
5 craft shall not be considered to be a conflict;

6 “(4) use of commercial and private motorized
7 and nonmotorized river craft shall be allowed to con-
8 tinue throughout each year at levels that are not less
9 than those occurring in an average of the 3 calendar
10 years preceding the date of enactment of this sub-
11 section, and in daily and seasonal use patterns simi-
12 lar to those experienced in those years; and

13 “(5) use of motorized or nonmotorized river
14 craft on the Snake River within the recreation area
15 by owners of private property for the purpose of
16 traveling to or from their property in their usual and
17 accustomed manner shall not be restricted.”.

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